

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LUBBOCK DIVISION

George Stewart, on behalf of himself §  
and others similarly situated, §  
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Plaintiff, §  
§  
v. § Case No. 5:23-cv-00007-H  
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Texas Tech University Health §  
Sciences Center, et al. §  
§  
Defendants. §

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**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

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TO THE HONORABLE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES WESLEY HENDRIX:

Defendants Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”), Lori Rice-Spearman, John C. DeToledo, Felix Morales, Louis Perez, and Monica Galindo (collectively, “Defendants”) file this Unopposed Motion To Withdraw, respectfully requesting the Court to permit Assistant Attorney General Benjamin S. Walton to withdraw as counsel for Defendants in this matter. Good cause exists for this withdrawal, as Mr. Walton has accepted employment outside the Texas Office of the Attorney General. Assistant Attorney General Joseph Keeney will remain counsel of record for Defendants and will henceforth serve as Lead Attorney for Defendants. Mr. Keeney’s contact information is contained in the signature block below. Counsel for Defendants has communicated with counsel for Plaintiff regarding the requested withdrawal, and Plaintiff is unopposed.

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that Mr. Walton be permitted to withdraw as counsel for Defendants in this matter, and that Mr. Keeney be recognized as the Lead Attorney representing Defendants.

Respectfully submitted.

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## CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that on February 5, 2025, I communicated with Jonathan Mitchell, counsel for Plaintiff, regarding the relief requested in this motion, and Mr. Mitchell informed me that Plaintiff is not opposed.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 6, 2025, a true and correct copy of this document was electronically filed using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following counsel of record:

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